

THE EDITOR'S MAIL BAG

We select from the large number of letters received this week a few which show what our subscribers are doing and what they think of The Colored American. It would be impossible for us to find space to print all of them, but a few published speak for all. We are using the full name but only the initials for the reason that a great many persons object to having their names paraded before the public. The Colored American has turned over a new leaf for the new century and in the future will give its readers more patrons more than the worth of its money. It will be printed on a better quality paper.

It will contain more news and be more attractive. It will be issued one day earlier in the week thus enabling every reader to get it by Sunday.

We are grateful to the subscribers who send in their subscriptions without being dunned and we hope that those in arrears, those who have been delayed, will not sin longer by procrastination but will remit at once what they know to be due. We like to receive a word of encouragement and of criticism, if any reader of the paper desires to make them. The Colored American stands at the head of all race publications as will be seen by the references made to it from time to time by other race journals. It can be made even better if every reader, if every subscriber will do his duty.

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Editor Colored American: Please send enclosed one dollar for the great Negro journal published. F. W. Coffeyville, Kans.

CAN NOT DO WITHOUT IT.

Editor Colored American: Please send enclosed two dollars as a part of my subscription. Let the paper continue to come; I can not do without it. Yours truly, W. B. H. Middleburg, N. C.

A PROSPEROUS YEAR.

The Colored American: I enclose check on Chicago for three dollars which I hope will close out my account. A prosperous year to The Colored American. Very resp'y, A. A. Fort McDowell, Cal.

AN EXCELLENT PAPER.

I wish for you a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Please find enclosed my check for two dollars on the paper. You are giving the race and country an excellent paper. With high regard, I am yours, C. D. Goldboro, N. C.

ONE COPY ENOUGH.

Inadvertently, I think, your mailing clerk has been sending me two copies of your paper the past fortnight. One will do. The Colored American is so full of news that I have hardly time to read one copy.

Yours truly, J. F. N. Phila., Pa.

A GREAT PAPER!

Dear Mr. Cooper: Your subscription and bill are enclosed. Accept many thanks for your very kind wish, and also my interest in the future welfare of all pertaining to you and your great paper.

Very truly yours, H. A. R. Atlanta, Ga.

A PLEASURE TO PAY.

The Colored American: Thanks for the bill. There is no bill which gives me more pleasure to pay. Enclosed is \$1. This time next month I shall send you another dollar. I take a number of race paper but I assure you, yours is the most truly race paper that comes to my home. Wm. A. C.

Phila., Pa., Jan. 3.

BRIGHTER AND BRIGHTER.

Dear Friend Cooper: I wrote you some days ago to send me a dollar's worth of Colored Americans but up to date they have failed to reach me. Please see what the trouble is. I trust prospects for future of Colored American grow brighter and brighter as the days come and go. We are hard at it and hopeful.

Yours truly, I. B. S.

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Editor Colored American: Recognizing the fact that every intelligent colored man should patronize a paper printed by those of his own race, irrespective of circumstances or environments, I herewith enclose fifty cents for three months' subscription. Wish you the same success in the future that has attended you in the past.

I remain, truly yours, J. R.

FROM AFRICA.

To The Colored American: I am pleased to acknowledge the receipt of the sample copies of your paper sent me and will at this opportunity send you my subscription \$2 to it for one year from receipt of same. But say that if you shall have published the census of the U. S. A. before this reaches you that you will please favor me with that special copy also.—W. B. G.

Brewersville, Liberia, W. Africa.

Nov. 24, 1900.

NEGRO BOOKS IN AUSTRALIA.

Dear Mr. Cooper: I have received your letter and I am taking your advice by ordering seven books: two copies, "Story of My Life," by Booker T. Washington; "Trips to the Windward Islands," by D. Augustus Straker, two copies; and lastly three copies of "One Hundred Distinguished Leaders," by Mr. Charles Alexander. I would like very much to be agent for these books by colored men. Please forward these as soon as possible. Enclosed find post office order for 1 lb. 20 s. A. G.

Port Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.

FROM "BOY ORATOR OF KANAWHA."

Dear Mr. Cooper: Accept my thanks for your kind reference in your recent issue. Wish you could come this way and spend a few days among the West Virginia hills: we have the finest rye, the most charming girls and the purest and noblest representatives of Negro manhood that can be found anywhere on the globe. These people would like to see a real, live Negro journalist. Our legislature met on the 9th of January and will be in session for forty-five days; can't you arrange to take a little jaunt this way? Am always at your service.

Faithfully yours, P. W.

Charleston, W. Va.

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"Boss," he said, "I is seen a lot of niggers hanged, but dat is de best job of dem all. Dat was my youngest child, but you sure did hang him good.—Exchange.

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